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New schools facing delays

'We need those spaces.'
Boards scramble as
construction progress
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As Calgary deals with a school crunch likely never seen in its history, the province delivered another blow to suburban families Wednesday with word that 6,300 new student spaces may not be ready on time.

The province had repeatedly pledged to complete the eight city projects — five for the Calgary Board of Education, two for the Calgary Catholic School District and one for the regional Francophone board — in time for classes in September 2016.

But Alberta Infrastructure Minister Wayne Drysdale said Wednesday his team was scuttling plans to erect 19 facilities provincewide using a public-

private-partnership, a move that will save \$14 million but see construction of some sites run into 2017.

"We're not that far behind," he added.

But the CBE, in particular, has been adamant that it needs a full slate of new schools to open their doors on time, as projections anticipate an additional 3,000 or more students to flock to the public board each year for the foreseeable future.

The CBE had already committed to taking control of 11 projects announced by the province, and trustee chair Sheila Taylor said her organization would "absolutely" look into whether it could feasibly take the reins on five more projects now facing delays.

"Communities are relying on these schools being built on time ... we're taking a look at what the options are," she said.

CCSD trustee chair Mary Martin said her organization only viewed Wednesday's announcement as "a little bump"

and said administrators were also exploring taking control of the construction process.

"In the past, we've always done our own builds and we've got a pretty good track record doing it," she said.

Reaction to the delayed schools was swift and harsh on social media.

"It was kids in seats by 2016," wrote Mike Bradshaw, a parent in Silverado, on Twitter. "We'll be lucky to see the high schools by 2018 at this rate."

Silverado is among the communities still awaiting for a school to be approved. Some parents expressed fear on social media that delays in construction of the 19 projects could also push back any development plans in their own neighbourhoods.

WITH FILES FROM LEAH GERMAIN

Schools impacted

For a list of affected schools, visit metronews.ca.

FLOOD DAMAGES HOMES

A truck sprays water as it's driven through flood waters in Claresholm, Alta., Wednesday. People have been moved out of about 40 homes in Claresholm as rain falls and sewers back up. For more on this story see, page 10; for one-year flood anniversary coverage, see page 4. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Leaked memo

AHS lacks targets for ambulance response times

Edmonton paramedics worried about ambulance response times are being told Alberta's health authority doesn't keep targets for how fast an ambulance should arrive.

A management memo, leaked to Metro Edmonton, was written in response to several reports paramedics had with lengthy response times. It also said AHS isn't striving for a specific standard.

"AHS does not have a response time target; instead, we monitor response times and investigate variability or significant changes to determine cause and intervene as needed," the memo stated.

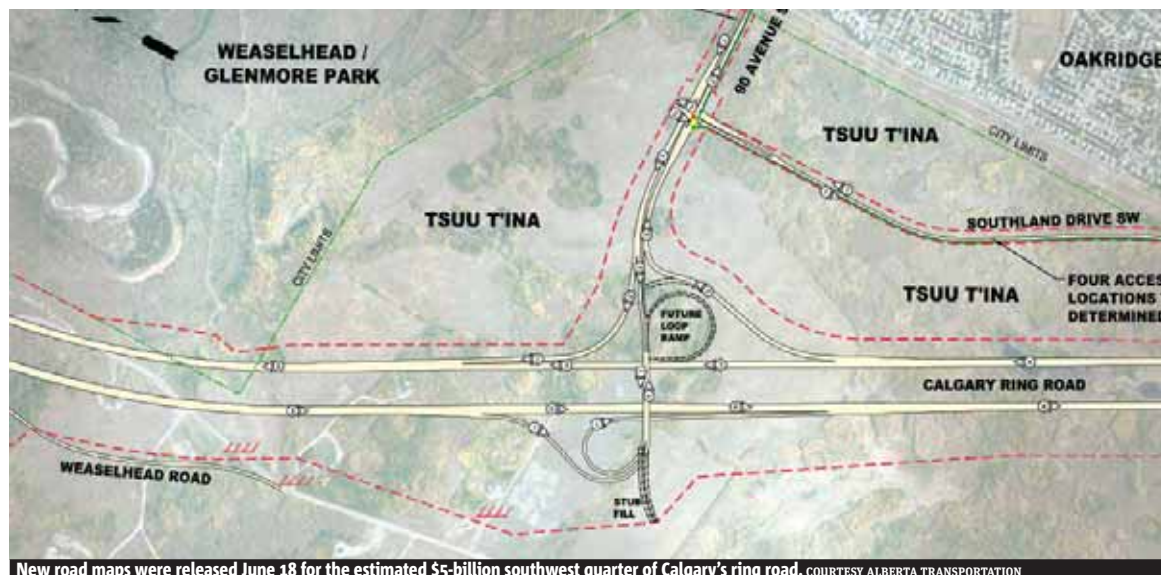
While a target of eight minutes in 90 per cent of cases is a common standard, in an emailed response spokesperson Kerry Williamson said that yardstick is based on a 1979 study.

"The level of care provided by paramedics, and in our emergency departments, has improved significantly in the past 35 years," he said.

A veteran Edmonton-area paramedic, who wished to remain anonymous out of fear of possible job repercussions, said there was more accountability in the system before AHS took over ambulance service.

"We had response time targets and if we weren't meeting targets, a supervisor would ask why," he said.

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'Nibbling' away a bit of Weaselhead

SW ring road.
Paskapoo Slopes will also be affected



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Unlike the failed proposal of 2009, part of Calgary's southwest ring road will now clip a small part of a sensitive natural area.

Alberta Transportation engineer Garry Lamb said Wednesday the city will relinquish 1.8 hectares of the Weaselhead Park — roughly one per cent of the total area — to make way for the colossal freeway expansion.

Lamb acknowledged concerns over the aesthetics of

building an elevated bridge atop the floodplains, as well as light and noise pollution. The ministry's urban construction manager for Calgary also reiterated regulatory approval would be sought for realigning the Elbow River.

"Unfortunately the Weaselhead will be different than before this road gets built," he told reporters.

To mitigate the impact, he continued, the river bridge will allow wildlife to cross below. Lamb also stressed compensation would be provided if the wetlands were disrupted, either in the form of funding to a conservation group or an artificial replacement.

New road maps were released Wednesday for the estimated \$5-billion southwest quarter of Calgary's ring road.

Lamb highlighted a couple of big obstacles as shaving down the steep Paskapoo Slopes and building a monster interchange that connects Stoney Trail to Sarcee Trail and Glenmore Trail.

When it comes to the Weaselhead, area Coun. Brian Pincott suggested "nibbling" the southwest corner of the much-cherished park was better than some more invasive alternatives of the past.

Lisa Dahlseide of the Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society took aim at the proposed route's closeness to a pair of wetlands, including one that serves as "nature's kidney" for the city's drinking water.

"This new alignment does ring some alarm bells for us," said Dahlseide.

Mega-project

Calgary's 41-kilometre southwest ring road will run from Highway 22X near Spruce Meadows to Highway 1 near Canada Olympic Park.

- The mega-project is being divided into two parts: a west section and southwest leg through the Tsuu T'ina Nation.
- The band signed a land-swap and cash deal with the provincial government last October and the road could open as soon as 2022, pending approval from Ottawa.

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Calgary businesses still afloat after 2013 floods

One year later. Despite post-flood measures to get back on track, local biz still struggles



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Ninety-nine percent of Calgary's flood-struck businesses have their doors open one year later, but many owners say they're still struggling to keep their heads above water.

Typical post-catastrophe business attrition is somewhere between 20 and 50 per cent, according to Calgary Economic Development, yet of the roughly 4,000 city businesses affected by the flood, only between 20 to 40 didn't survive 2013's raging waters.

Challenges remain, however, despite post-flood measures to get local biz back on track.

Inglewood clothier Debbie Dalen can't remember exactly how many months it took for customers to trickle back to her 9 Avenue SE location.

Dalen's boutique, Pretty Little Things, was spared the wreckage that hit many of her neighbours, but her location — like others — was crippled for weeks to come with few patrons in to buoy her bottom line.

Quoted

"The biggest thing this campaign showed ... was what a crucial part these little neighbourhoods play in our community. And when they aren't there as gathering places it changes the fabric of our city."

Lisa Corcoran of Calgary Economic Development



Debbie Dalen of Inglewood boutique Pretty Little Things, said it's been a long road back for many flood-affected Calgary businesses like hers. METRO FILE

"I lost basically a solid three weeks of business — none," said Dalen.

"Then that went into two months at least of either zero

or slow ... slow, slow, slow."

Dalen said many fellow Inglewood entrepreneurs are in the same boat, with many hobbling along post-flood.

One measure to boost local buys after last year's flood was YYC is OPEN, a grassroots push spearheaded by Calgarians Mike Morrison and Richard Einarson, later taken over by Calgary Economic Development (CED).

Lisa Corcoran with CED said their role in the Business Flood

Recovery Task Force was to help the businesses reopen and then generate a buzz to get customers spending their money. Morrison and Einarson's venture was a natural fit, said Corcoran.

A six-month, large scale, privately-funded buy-local campaign was launched thereafter, and reached a remarkable number of Calgarians. Typical campaigns have a recall rate of 30 per cent, according to Corcoran, but this one registered at 69 per cent. Seventy-nine per

cent of people said they already had, or would, take action.

Dalen said the effort helped her business and those around her immediately after, as they couldn't have afforded such a massive campaign. But the buy-local spirit has waned somewhat, Dalen said.

"I think what it did was it gave us the OK to open our businesses and invite people back in," she said, adding that some may not have survived without YYC is OPEN.

Major projects

Ideas for preventing another major flood in southern Alberta

A look at some of the major projects Alberta is considering to prevent another major flood:

Highwood River Diversion

What it would do:

Divert water around the flood-prone community of High River when water levels on the Highwood River are high. Typically, in June, the Highwood flows at a rate of between 30 and 70 cubic metres per second. During the 2013 flood, the river peaked at between 1,500 and 1,800 cubic metres per second. The diversion would be designed to handle flows of 500 cubic metres of water per second.

The Springbank Road Reservoir

What it would do:

The reservoir would take water from the Elbow River and store it when levels are high, protecting Calgary and Rocky View County. Calgary can handle flow rates of 180 cubic metres per second downstream of the Glenmore Reservoir on the Elbow without having to sandbag. The peak flow rate of the Elbow River into the reservoir during the 2013 flood was 1,240 cubic metres per second. The reservoir would hold up to 59 million cubic metres of water.

McLean Creek Dry Dam

What it would do:

It would be used to control the Elbow River during periods of flooding and would protect the communities of Bragg Creek, the Tsuu T'ina First Nation, Rocky View County and Calgary.

Calgary Underground Diversion

What it would do:

It would take water underground from the Glenmore Reservoir to the Bow River.

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'We've been OK, but it's not home': High River residents

Fred Plotnikoff and his girlfriend Bert Ager's home has been a tiny room in a trailer for the last 10 months.

The seniors have been living in the temporary community of Saddlebrook, just north of High River, which was set up by the Alberta government last summer to provide shelter for about 1,200 after the Highwood River poured into town and damaged many homes beyond repair.

Saddlebrook consists of a neighbourhood of long construction trailers grouped together on a 40-hectare site.

It has laundry facilities, a recreation centre and a kitchen that feeds the people who still call it home. A colourful playground still attracts a handful of children.

The makeshift community's population has dwindled to about 150 as the one-year anniversary of the flood approaches.

Plotnikoff and Ager are scheduled to move into a condo in High River on July 1.

"It was great to have a place to live that was dry. It's better than being under the damn bridge you know," says Plotnikoff, 70.

"We're getting tired of it. We want to have our own place.... We've been OK, but it's not home."

"It kept us positive," adds Ager, who is 76. "We knew

there was something better coming."

High River Mayor Craig Snodgrass says getting people back into their homes and businesses has been the town's No. 1 priority.

But he says there's also a need to let residents know that there are protections in place to prevent a repeat of 2013.

"I wouldn't call it doom and gloom but the town is

wounded. People have that edge of nervousness to them," Snodgrass said.

Snodgrass doesn't see High River returning to the way it was.

"This is an opportunity to take this town up about five levels," he says.

"You can see the light at the end of the odd tunnel here as to how this town's going to look and that's pretty exciting."

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Fred Plotnikoff, who for 10 months has been living in a temporary housing community. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Cycle tracks. Councillors pitch third-party, live-streaming bicycle counts

Calgary should enlist a third party to broadcast live-streaming video and instantly updated bicycle counts from automated cameras and sensors along cycle-track routes to truly demonstrate the network's success or failure, several city councillors suggested Wednesday.

"I think we should let the public be engaged and see exactly what the numbers are," Coun. Joe Magliocca said.

Coun. Sean Chu echoed the call, saying there should be "checks and balances" on the data collection "so people can see it for themselves."

Their comments came during a committee meeting in which members of council sent city staff back to the drawing board to revise a series of success measures for the downtown network of separated bike lanes, to be built next year as a pilot project.

Coun. Ward Sutherland said "there's no backbone" to the dozen metrics city staff

Back to the drawing board

The transportation and transit committee instructed city staff to revise the Centre City Cycle Track Network success metrics and return with a new report on July 18.

had proposed and he was "disappointed" the targets — several of which define "success" as the status quo — weren't set more aggressively.

"It's a high jump you can almost step over," Sutherland said.

Maggie Schofield, executive director of the Calgary Downtown Association, said Ottawa saw success with its use of third-party count-and-broadcast technology on bicycle lanes in that city.

"It, in fact, proved that there were three times as many cyclists and that was a great thing for them," she said. "And the public could view it." **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**



Door opens on tiny library

Claude Granger, left, built the little free library for his granddaughter, Jaelynn, and her preschool peers at Crossroads Community Hall (1803-14 Ave. N.E.). Anyone can take or leave a book. **BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO**

A difficult 2014

Calgary looks to reserve fund to cover \$9M snow-clearing shortfall

To cover a \$9-million shortfall in its snow-clearing budget this year, city council will be asked to use its Fiscal Stability Reserve.

Road maintenance manager Bill Biensch told the city's transportation and transit committee Wednesday that 2014 has been an exceptionally difficult year when it comes to winter weather.

The city spent \$31.8 million on snow and ice control from Jan. 1 to April 30. That compares to \$36.9 million in all of 2013.

Calgary's 311 operators also received 19,371 snow-related service requests in January — more than the 17,695 it received in all of 2013.

Council is set to vote June 23 on using the reserve funds to expand this year's snow budget.

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Arrest made in vicious sex assault: Cops

Calgary police have arrested a suspect in relation to a vicious sex assault in Canyon Meadows.

A woman reported boarding a bus late Sunday at Heritage LRT station at the same time as a man she didn't recognize.

Both got off the bus at Elbow Drive and Canata Place SW around 11:10 p.m.

At that point, it's alleged the suspect ran toward the

woman.

According to police, he threatened her with a weapon and repeatedly sexually assaulted her.

Police announced they'd made an arrest in the case early Wednesday evening.

It was anticipated charges would be formally laid Thursday and police would provide more information including the name of the accused, at that point.

Time line:

The following is a time line of the alleged assault in Canyon Meadows:

- **Sunday:** Alleged sex assault occurred around 11:10 p.m.

- **Wednesday:** An arrest was made in the case early in the evening.

- **Thursday:** Charges may be laid by today and police could provide more info.

The individual was arrested without incident, police said. **METRO**



Allied Limousine driver Asif Muhammad can charge customers cheaper flat rates for trips to and from Calgary International but is required to bill patrons a minimum of \$78.30 for rides elsewhere in the city. **METRO FILE PHOTO**



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Limo rates may become highest in Canada

Opposition revs up in the city. Boss says prices hard to justify to customers



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Convincing patrons to hop inside a luxury ride is about to become an even tougher sell, warns a general manager, who's threatening to take a complaint over the fares he's required to charge straight to city hall.

Sedan and limousine companies like Cam Naghshineh's Allied Limousines are already required to charge customers 25 per cent more to ride in style than those drivers running standard cabs. According to livery officials, the rule exists to ensure fair competition. But a report coming forward to the city's Taxi Limousine Advisory Committee (TLAC) suggests the cost of doing business for cabbies has gone up and proposes a metre-rate increase of up to eight per cent.

Marcia Andreychuk, a business analyst for TLAC, confirmed via email Wednesday

that the minimum rate for luxury rides would also increase as a result — the current minimum charge is \$78.30.

In an interview, Naghshineh projected that could mean his minimum rate will rise to nearly \$85, a charge that would make his rides more expensive than any others in major cities across Canada.

"It's definitely hurting us right now and if they increase it's going to hurt us more," he said. By comparison, luxury rides in Edmonton, Vancouver and Toronto are all required to charge roughly \$75 for the first hour of service. Rates are lower in certain other major Canadian cities.

Naghshineh said the current system of flat-rate fares to travel to and from the airport compared to more costly minimum charges for service in the rest of the city makes no sense. He noted a resident in Erlton could take a sedan or limo to Calgary International for \$48.50, but would be required to fork over the full \$78.30 to drive just minutes across Macleod Trail to Stampede Park.

Andreychuk indicated flat rates for the airport would also increase.

The silver lining:

While limo fares by and large appear destined to rise, the opening of Calgary's Airport Tunnel will spur a cut to certain flat rates charged to travel to and from the busy commuter hub. The cost for a

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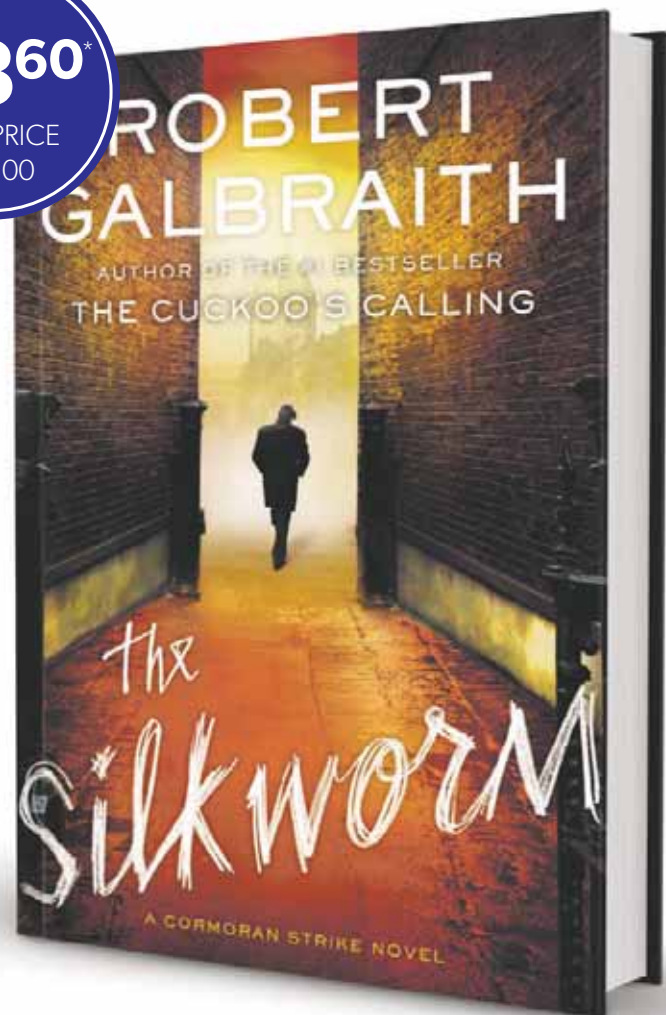
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Top 16 placement

St. Albert nets \$25K in hockey contest

While they didn't claim the big prize, St. Albert's top 16 finish in Kraft's Hockeyville competition will give the city \$25,000 to invest back into Canada's favourite game.

The city is hosting an event Friday to accept the cheque that will be used to create warm-up areas in both the Akinsdale and Kinex arenas.

Sylvan Lake was crowned the grand-prize winner and took home \$100,000 as well as the opportunity to host an NHL pre-season game. **METRO**

Grande Prairie

Pilot project easing recovery for stroke victims: Province

Stroke patients in Grande Prairie are spending less time in hospital, thanks to a pilot project, the province said Wednesday.

Launched in March, the

project delivers stroke-rehab programs in patients' homes, rather than at a community hospital.

The project is part of the Stroke Action Plan, an initiative that aims to ensure inpatient care in rural areas are the same as in larger, urban centres. **METRO**

'Genocide Awareness'

Anti-abortion students acquitted

Some students who oppose abortion have won a battle against the University of Calgary four years after being sanctioned for refusing to conceal a graphic poster display on campus.

Seven students tried to appeal being found guilty of non-academic misconduct in 2010, but the board of governors refused to hold a hearing. In April, a judge ordered the board to hear the appeal.

The Justice Centre for Academic Freedoms said Wednesday that the board of governors quashed the charges and removed them from the students' files.

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Fortuitous forecasts buoy spirits in south

Flooding. Prophecies of doom fail to come true, but damage still very real in some areas

Improved forecasts Wednesday were lifting soggy spirits in southern Alberta where heavy rainfall and swollen rivers had residents worried about evacuations and damage to their homes.

"The rain is lightening; the infrastructure is catching up to the excessive flows," said Rob Steel, mayor of Claresholm, where a voluntary evacuation centre had to be set up after rain came down in sheets earlier in the day.

"If it stays like this, it'll just get better and better as each hour goes by."

Lethbridge Mayor Chris Spearman said concerns were

eased when lighter rainfall lowered peak forecasts for the Oldman River, which runs through his city.

"Things are looking much better," he said. "To our relief, the rainfall upstream wasn't as severe as predicted overnight, so the provincial river flow forecast has im-

proved significantly."

The same forecast was welcome news in Medicine Hat, where Alberta Environment was predicting peak flows on the South Saskatchewan River at 2,400 cubic metres per second — less than half the original prediction that

had people fearing a repeat of the deluge that happened in 2013.

"What we're telling people now is they can stand down," said Medicine Hat fire chief Brian Stauth. "We don't anticipate that we are going to evacuate."

Things could change, how-

forecasts were based on rainfall predictions of up to 200 millimetres in the southwest part of the province. While rainfall was as heavy as predicted, it wasn't as widespread.

Even with the threat subsiding, the mess left behind is significant.

Claresholm, a town of 3,800 about 130 kilometres south of Calgary, has about 40 damaged homes — some surrounded by water and some swamped, Steel said. In some cases, sewers backed up.

About 250 homes in Lethbridge were affected, most with flooded basements.

The flooding came as southern Alberta prepared to mark the one-year anniversary of the 2013 flood. In total, 100,000 people had to flee their homes last June. Damage estimates have reached as high as \$6 billion.

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Pulling together

"There's no shortage of help here. We've been through this so many times, and people are willing to step up."

Longtime Claresholm resident Joanna Sutter

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ever.

"We're still very concerned because there's a heavy rainfall warning in effect," Steel said. "This is still a very dynamic situation."

Alberta Environment spokesman Evan Friesenhan explained that initial river

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Will Mercier describes the flooding of his home in Claresholm on Wednesday. People have been moved out of about 40 homes in Claresholm as rain falls and sewers back up. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mountain pine beetles. Winter won't win the war against pernicious pests

A cold winter in Alberta helped kill mountain pine beetles in some parts of the province, but the destructive bugs survived in some forests.

A government survey says there wasn't much change to a large area surrounding Lesser Slave Lake.

However, the pest's numbers were diminished in wooded areas south of Grande Prairie, northwest of Edson and west of Manning.

"Results show beetles continue to survive the winter across much of our pine forests, meaning populations are unlikely to naturally decline in the near future. Aggressive action remains our best option to fight beetle

Methodology

Beetle population surveys were conducted this year between mid-May and mid-June at 100 sites.

- Surveys involved cutting core samples from trees and comparing the number of dead versus live larvae under the bark.

infestations in Alberta," said Robin Campbell, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.

Six million hectares of pine forest in Alberta are susceptible to attacks by mountain pine beetles. Infestations threaten watersheds, fish and wildlife habitats, tourism and recreation values as well as the province's \$4-billion forest industry.

Since 2004-05, Alberta has directed over \$414 million to the mountain pine beetle program. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A Washington Redskins helmet lies on the field Wednesday in Ashburn, Va.
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Redskins trademark revoked

The U.S. Patent Office ruled Wednesday that the Washington Redskins nickname is "disparaging of Native Americans" and that the team's federal trademarks for the name must be cancelled.

The 2-1 ruling comes after a campaign to change the name gained momentum over the past year. The team doesn't immediately lose trademark protection and is allowed to retain it during a

likely appeal.

Redskins owner Dan Snyder has refused to change the team's name, citing tradition, but there has been growing pressure, including statements in recent months from U.S. President Barack Obama, lawmakers and civil rights groups.

The decision means that the team can continue to use the Redskins name, but it would lose a significant por-

tion of its ability to protect the financial interests connected to its use. If others printed the name on sweat-shirts, apparel or other team material, it becomes more difficult to go after groups who use it without permission.

The case involves six registered trademarks that involve the use of the word Redskins, but it does not apply to the team's logo.

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Backyards in Angus, Ont., are shown on Tuesday. Scan the photo with your Metro News app for a gallery of damage caused. GREG FACCHINI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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'Miracle' no one hurt in Ontario tornado: Officials

'Moving forward.'

Mayor of Essa Township says around 100 homes in Angus, Ont., were damaged after twister touched down Tuesday

The mayor of a central Ontario community says it's a miracle no one was hurt when a tornado ripped through the area Tuesday.

Essa Township Mayor Terry Dowdall said about 100 homes were damaged in Angus, which is located in the township.

Dowdall, who joined emergency officials Wednesday morning to give an update on the situation, said he has never seen such destruction in the community.

"Weather seems to be changing, I think, in the province of Ontario," he said. "But I've never seen, and basically no one's seen, devastation quite like this."

The tornado blew out windows, tore up fences and sheared off the tops of some homes when it hit at about 5:30 p.m. but caused no serious injuries.

"I think it was the right

time of day," said Essa Fire Chief Cynthia Tustin, calling it an "amazing piece of timing."

"People weren't asleep ... people were up and people were able to be aware of what's going on," she said. "It was really a miracle that nobody was hurt at that time of day," added Dowdall.

Provincial police Const. Kelly Daniels said the priority now is to ensure homes are safe enough for people to go back inside and retrieve needed personal items like medication.

She says residents who have been displaced from their homes will be escorted by police and fire officials when they go inside and it will be done home by home.

"Now that we know everyone is safe, our job is to protect their property," said Daniels.

Emergency officials also planned on holding a meeting with residents Wednesday afternoon at the Angus recreation centre to discuss what happens next.

"We're moving forward, we have a new day and a new plan," said Dowdall, adding building officials would immediately begin assessing properties. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A pro-Russia fighter pets dogs at a checkpoint in the village of Karlivka near Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, Wednesday, before a handover of the bodies of Ukrainian troops killed in a plane shot down near Luhansk.

Ukraine president promises ceasefire

Separatist fighting.

Petro Poroshenko discussed plan with Russia, Germany

The new president of Ukraine promised on Wednesday that government troops would soon stop firing on pro-Russia armed separatists, offering a chance to end the fighting that has killed hundreds and wracked the industrial east.

In another concession to Moscow, Petro Poroshenko replaced his foreign minister, who had outraged Russians by using an obscenity to describe President Vladimir Putin.

An end to the two months

of fighting and a promised safe exit for rebels would allow Putin to say that Russia has fulfilled its goal of protecting Russian speakers in eastern Ukraine, while Poroshenko can claim victory over the rebellion.

The Ukrainian president discussed his plan for a unilateral ceasefire in a phone call with Putin late Tuesday, their offices said, and Poroshenko also spoke with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Russia's foreign minister cautiously welcomed the move, but voiced concern that it could be a ruse.

One key question is whether Moscow is willing and able to persuade the pro-Russia insurgents to accept Poro-

shenko's plan.

Rebel leaders have remained defiant, but in a sign of behind-the-scenes manoeuvring, some of them visited Moscow this week to meet with senior officials and lawmakers.

The two sides managed to arrange a brief truce Wednesday evening in the eastern town of Karlivka to allow pro-Russian forces to hand over the bodies of 49 Ukrainian troops who died when the separatists shot down a transport plane bound for the airport in Luhansk last weekend.

But after the truck carrying the remains had passed to the Ukrainian side, both sides fell back to their positions.

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Runaway speaks. Teen who flew in plane's wheel well wanted to find mom

A Somali-born teenager who survived a flight to Hawaii as a stowaway in the plane's wheel well said he hopped on the closest flight that was going west in an effort to find his birth mom and can't believe he survived the journey.

Yahya Abdi, 15, spoke over Google Chat to KPIX-5 in his first public comments since his improbable survival during the 5-1/2-hour flight from San Jose to Maui in April. The interview was reported on Tuesday night.

Abdi, a Somali immigrant, ran away from his California home and hopped a fence at Mineta San Jose International Airport. He crouched down in the wheel well of the Hawaiian Airlines flight and remembers covering his ears as the plane took off, he said.

"It was above the clouds, I could see through the little holes." Abdi said.

The teen said he got on board because he didn't want to live with his stepmom.

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Will Amazon blaze a new path with the Fire phone?

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CEO Jeff Bezos unveils the phone in Seattle

Amazon has introduced a new smartphone with audio and object recognition technology that seeks to make it easier for consumers to locate and purchase products and services from America's largest e-commerce company.

Specs and features:

- The phone is smaller than leading Android phones, but larger than Apple's iPhone. CEO Jeff Bezos calls the screen, measuring 4.7 inches diagonally, ideal for one-handed use.

- The new Fire phone also adds such features as the ability to render images in 3D. You can rotate the phone and get a different

view depending on your angle of vision. Bezos calls this "dynamic perspective" and said the phone is basically redrawing the image 60 times per second.

- The Fire phone will bring features found in other Amazon devices, such as X-Ray for supplemental content and Mayday for live tech support. There's also access to ebooks, which members can borrow with Amazon's \$99 US-a-year Prime program.

- Firefly is the centrepiece of the new phone. Snap a photo of a book, and it'll help you buy it, either as an ebook or a physical copy. Listen to a song playing in the background, and it'll direct you to that tune on Amazon. It can even direct you to facts and data, by showing a Wikipedia entry with information about a

painting you snapped. The feature will also let you snap bar codes, phone numbers and more.

Availability:

- The phone will be available July 25 in the U.S. exclusively through AT&T. People can start ordering it Wednesday.

- Prices are comparable to those of other leading high-end phones, but the Fire will have double the storage. It will cost \$200 for a base model with 32 gigabytes and \$300 for 64 gigabytes. Both require two-year service contracts. Without contracts, they will cost \$650 and \$750.

Not a first:

- Facebook once tried to release a phone tied to its services. The HTC First, released in April 2013, came with Facebook's Home

software, which takes over the phone's front screen to present status updates, messages and other content. Both the phone and the software flopped.

- Google also has its own phones under the Nexus brand, mostly to showcase its Android operating system. Google makes Android available for free for any phone manufacturer to use and modify. That makes it difficult to know what's really Android and what's a modification.

The backdrop:

- Amazon.com Inc. got its start in books and soon moved into music, video, devices and more. Analysts believe the goal of an Amazon-branded smartphone is to get customers to buy more things from the nation's largest e-commerce company. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos introduces the new Amazon Fire phone on Wednesday in Seattle. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BlackBerry needs to be reignited

BlackBerrys are vanishing in Canada while Google Android ownership grows steadily, but Apple's iPhone is still the most popular smartphone in the country, suggests a new report.

About 85 per cent of the adult anglophone population now has a cellphone, while three quarters of them carry a smartphone, according to a re-

port by the Media Technology Monitor, based on telephone surveys this spring with more than 2,000 Canadians.

The iPhone was the device of choice among 42 per cent of the smartphone owners, while a variety of phones on the Android platform collectively made up 39 per cent of the market.

To no one's surprise, the MTM survey found BlackBerry's share of the market has withered away in its home country. In 2009, 61 per cent of Canadian smartphone owners said they used a BlackBerry.

Now, just 14 per cent call themselves devotees of the struggling brand. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Why do some people hate soccer so much?

As the World Cup unfolds with the impressive array of Google doodles it's known for, people from all over the world are crowding around TVs in colourful clots to cheer on The Beautiful Game. But as Pantene taught us in the '80s, sometimes people hate you because you're beautiful, despite your protestations.

Soccer is wildly popular in my city (Toronto), but my Facebook feed, Internet comment boards and the occasional overheard conversation show me that people who don't like soccer feel deeply about it in a way usually reserved for heated emotional topics: abortion, euthanasia, Nickelback.

Soccer fandom isn't mandatory, but the need of many Canadians to loudly let you know how much they hate the game strikes me as over the top — the equivalent of a player who grabs his shin and plummets to the ground, face contorted, as if he stumbled upon a particularly strong pocket of gravity. Check any Internet forum. You'll see people write under soccer stories about how much they hate soccer, often in



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dismissive, angry terms.

Reading Internet comments is like wilfully exposing yourself to radiation, but here's a real quote I dug up in about 18 seconds of research (lost some hair, but I'll be OK): "Ahhh Soccer the sport of choice for the 3rd world and poor unwashed masses."

Good point, anonymous dude, but I for one think it's nice the Dutch, Australians and Japanese have a game to distract them from the squalor of their failed nations.

Soccer is Canada's most widely played sport, so if you consider "foreign" a detriment then you'd best avoid lasagna, too. Of course, many online soccer detractors are the same people who write under every news story about how multiculturalism is a failure because 100 per cent of the people in their parents' basement are white males. Consider the source.

But it's not just the xenophobic online crazies who give soccer a rough ride. I've seen two World Cup games in public so far, and both times one guy, apparently dragged there by friends, felt com-

pelled to let others know mid-game that hockey is better, as if one couldn't be a fan of both sports simultaneously. Despite the low scores, soccer doesn't need to be a zero-sum game.

The complaint from hockey fans is almost always the same: Hockey players are tougher than soccer players because soccer players dive a lot and then there's a hilarious joke about a diving team. And, fine, there is too much diving. But it's just one form of the cheating that exists in all sports. It doesn't excuse it, but it's universal.

I've heard people ask why it's allowed to continue with the frequency it does ("Aren't they embarrassed?"), but many baseball fans absolve successful players of their steroid use faster than it takes Big Papi to run the bases.

Not in honour-bound hockey? Well, there's the whole cheating thing where players bruise each other's brains and occasionally crack a vertebrae or two by smashing into their heads from behind at 40 km/h. At least in soccer's cheating, nobody gets hurt, quite literally.

So, whether you're a soccer fan or not, let's live and let live. It's a game the whole world loves, and that's a beautiful thing. Let us now unite in our hatred of Nickelback. Olé, Olé, Olé!

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Felicia Pandola, from Providence, R.I., took the nature category by storm, so to speak, with this foreboding beach pic. ALL IMAGES COURTESY IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

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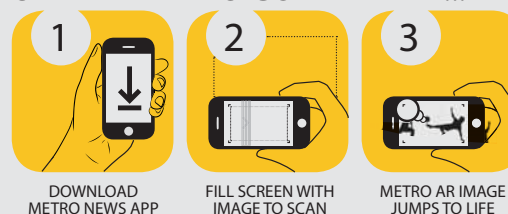
As all your brilliant selfies have no doubt already shown you, you don't need a fancy camera to take great shots. The iPhone Photography Awards, running annually since 2007, showcase the best images taken with, and edited on, an iPhone, iPod or iPad. This year's winning entries were submitted by 54 photographers from 17 countries. And they weren't just competing for the glory: Each first-place winner, aided by their trusty Apple device, received a gold bar from a private mint. Can your DSLR do that? **METRO**



Michael O'Neal said he pulled out both his DSLR and iPhone when he encountered this guy at Colter Bay Beach in Wyoming, but the iPhone shots trumped the "real" camera ones. He won for the animal category.

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It's nice to think that, when the calendar flipped to 2014, we all silently vowed to put the "Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or 100 duck-sized horses" question to rest forever.

Sure, it's amusing and can provide rich territory for mining clever answers. But it really only carried as many uses as a razor blade. Plus, we have new video evidence of what a duck-sized-horse stampede would look like. Suddenly, the choice is easy. (OK Go/YouTube)



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The Wizz who found success moonwalking in MJ's shadow

King of Pop. After 30 years, Kenny Wizz is now considered one of the best Michael Jackson tribute artists on earth



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Growing up in Los Angeles, Kenny Wizz dreamed of becoming a radio DJ.

That is until a certain sparkly gloved superstar inadvertently put his career on a different path.

Wizz was in his late teens when Michael Jackson released his multimillion-selling classic album *Thriller*, in 1983. MTV had Jackson's videos on heavy rotation and his face was on everything from posters and pins to Slurpee cups.

It wasn't long before people began noticing Wizz's uncanny resemblance to the King of Pop.

"I was in a street dancing group," Wizz recalls. "I was really into breakdancing. People started coming up to me and saying, 'You look like Michael Jackson on the cover of *Thriller*,' and, 'You should dance like Michael Jackson.'"

Taking the advice, Wizz spent the summer of 1984 impersonating Michael Jackson

The show

The Michael Jackson HIStory show presents *Thriller*

Where: Jubilee Auditorium

When: Friday

Tickets: Available at ticketmaster.ca

at promotional events and private parties.

The money was good and Wizz enjoyed the work, but it wasn't until he was booked to do a full-length show in Atlantic City later that year that Wizz finally considered himself a professional Michael Jackson impersonator.

"I wasn't looking to make a career out of it," he says. "But every time I tried to stop doing it, it kept tapping me on the shoulder with something bigger and better."

Thirty years on, Wizz is considered one of the best Michael Jackson tribute artists in the world. Although he's now in his 50s, Wizz's show is still as physically demanding as it's ever been.

"My workout is so strenuous," he says. "When you get older you have to work out more to keep what you have. People wouldn't believe what I go through to get on stage."

Not only does Wizz work out daily, but on show days he



Las Vegas-based performer Kenny Wizz has been impersonating Michael Jackson for 30 years and is considered one of the world's best King of Pop tribute artists. He performs at the Jubilee Auditorium on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

spends two hours in makeup and wardrobe, as well as 40 minutes of stretching and vocal warm-up.

"It's protocol," he says. "It's what I'm used to. No one is twisting my arm to do it."

Wizz's Michael Jackson HIStory Show comes to the Jubilee

Auditorium on Friday. In addition to performing Jackson's *Thriller* album in its entirety, the show also covers some of the singer's most popular hits, including *Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough*, *ABC* and *Man in the Mirror*.

"There are recognizable

costumes, video productions, a six-piece band, six dancers and more than 1,000 lighting cues," he explains.

"It's not just putting a guy on stage and making him sing a song. We want the audience to feel what's going on. We want to give you goosebumps."

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There's much Ado about Pedro Pascal

Gone, but not forgotten. His Game of Thrones days may be over, but Pedro Pascal isn't short on work

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Metro World News in New York City

New Yorkers could call Pedro Pascal a hometown boy made good. Best known for his portrayal of the late, great Oberyn Martell on Game of Thrones, the 39-year-old Chilean began his acting career in New York City as an undergrad at NYU. And for an actor in that town, there's no bigger stage than Central Park's Delacorte Theater, where Pascal is currently bringing the drama as the villainous Don John in Much Ado About Nothing, part of Shakespeare in the Park and presented free by The Public Theater.

We caught up with the Brooklyn resident ahead of Monday's official opening to talk being back on stage and

the fan response to Oberyn.

How did you get involved with the production?

When I found out that they were going to be doing Much Ado About Nothing in the park, I was hoping to be seen for the role of Don John. I was actually in New York (in March) for the premiere of Game of Thrones, and there was this tiny window to audition for (director) Jack O'Brien.

You're a pretty physical actor. Do you feel better suited to the stage or screen?

My training is in the theatre; I'm much more knowledgeable of film as an audience member. There isn't really anything that can compare to being onstage in front of an audience. It's always hard to answer this question, because a good role in a good play with a good house is an untouchable experience. But there are definitely really interesting things about doing on-camera work that can't be achieved onstage as well. So I wouldn't necessarily be able to choose one over the

other. I do love the physical experience of being onstage; it's a pretty demanding one. I love discovering the definitions of a character through physicality.

What will stay with you about the Game of Thrones experience?

This was definitely the best part I'd ever played, and it was the best writing that I'd ever gotten to do on television. The creative experience of getting to sink your teeth into a delicious character, in a project that has found such success, — such a blockbuster television show — and what makes it that I think is ultimately really good storytelling. So to be able to play a really great character within something as large as that is something that I'll creatively never forget. The creative experience of getting to do David (Benioff) and Dan (Weiss)'s writing in that world, and getting into the skin of that character and being in Michele Clapton's costumes, and all the attention, that's really special.



Pedro Pascal (right) as Oberyn Martell battles The Mountain on Season 4 of Game of Thrones. MACALL B. POLAN/HBO

What kinds of reactions have you gotten from fans?

People have been really sweet, very enthusiastic and really supportive. And it's an enormous relief; (Oberyn) was a big undertaking for me, and one that I was pretty nervous about doing because he's such an extravagant character, and

I really wasn't sure how it would be received. And it's always nice to be back in New York, where I've been for 20 years, and have a stranger on the subway start smiling and giving me a thumbs up and a "Congratulations!" or "I'm so sorry you're dead."

What's next for you?

I will be going down to Colombia to shoot a series for Netflix called Narcos. It's about the rise and fall of Pablo Escobar, and I'll be playing a living DEA agent, Javier Pena, who was sent to Colombia on a U.S. mission to capture and ultimately kill him.



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Small-screen bloodsuckers could be headed to the stage

True Blood. Vampire show could find an afterlife as a musical

Like the vampires it portrays, True Blood won't seem to die. Even if it means breaking out in song.

After the final scene of the upcoming final season of True Blood, fans may be able to take another fresh bite out of the HBO vampire drama.

In the works — True Blood: The Musical. Seriously.

"This was something that I pitched to HBO and (show creator) Alan Ball," said com-

poser Nathan Barr, speaking on the arrivals line at the True Blood season premiere Tuesday night in Hollywood. Barr has written the instrumental scores for the series' entire seven seasons, the last of which debuts Sunday.

Barr said the musical will revolve around protagonist, telepath and waitress Sookie Stackhouse, portrayed in the series by Anna Paquin. But, Barr added, after seven seasons of twists, turns and characters for Sookie, it's proven a challenge to trim the saga down.

"I think we're really going to try to return to the roots of the show," Barr commented.

True Blood co-star Ste-



Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer arrive at the Los Angeles premiere of the 7th and final season of True Blood on Tuesday. RICHARD SHOTWELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

phen Moyer, who showed off his vocal chops last year on NBC's highly rated live telecast of The Sound of Music, revealed he helped Barr put together some samples of the True Blood musical presented to HBO and Ball.

Barr said he hopes to

present a workshop version about a year from now, but he's not looking beyond that. To say this is Broadway bound is premature.

"There's no guarantees," the composer warned. "But I think the direction we're heading in is really exciting."

YouTube. New streaming service to exclude indie acts

There's good news and bad news for those of us who were looking forward to YouTube's rumoured arrival in the music streaming market. The good news is that the company has confirmed it's getting ready to launch a service that will compete with everyone from Spotify to Beats Music.

But the bad news is that it looks like there's going to be a sizable hole in its music catalogue: independent music.

That's because YouTube's music streaming service, expected to be called YouTube Music Pass, is going to offer a premium, subscription-based tier that will enable users to download songs and videos for offline playback, and YouTube needs to negotiate rights and terms with music labels to make this a reality.

The major labels have all put pen to paper, but indie labels are currently holding out because they feel they are being forced into agreeing to less than agreeable terms. YouTube's head of content and business operations, Robert Kyncl, confirmed the current deadlock to the Financial

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"We have tried and will continue to try to help YouTube understand just how important independent music is ..."

WIN chief executive Alison Wenham

Times on Tuesday and also said that those labels that don't sign up will see their songs disappear from the main YouTube website "in a matter of days."

The Google-owned video site's stance is that the stand-off isn't a big deal as independent record labels account for just 10 per cent of the current music industry in terms of number of artists and groups.

However, that 10 per cent accounts for almost one third (32.6 per cent) of global music sales and streams and includes artists such as Adele and bands like The Arctic Monkeys, Radiohead and of course Jack White in all of his musical incarnations, be it as the White Stripes, the Raconteurs or a solo artist. AFP

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"I think we're really going to try to return to the roots of the show."

Nathan Barr, composer who pitched the idea of the musical to True Blood creator Alan Ball and HBO

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The poster art for *Video Games: The Movie* is filled with famous characters.
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Digital release. Video Games: The Movie due out in July

The Zach Braff-produced look at the rise and rise of video gaming is primed for digital release on July 15, featuring the likes of Sean Astin, Wil Wheaton, *Gears of War* creator Cliff Bleszinski and Atari founder Nolan Bushnell.

The project — a Kickstarter-funded feature-length documentary — explores video games' history, their future, and the diverse culture that has sprung up around them, and now has a launch trailer in advance of its July release.

Sean Astin of *The Lord of the Rings* narrates, and the doc's talking heads include Oculus Rift co-founder Palmer Luckey, Hideo Kojima of the *Metal Gear Solid* series, Wil Wheaton of *Star Trek*, Hollywood script-

writer Max Landis, and actor and Q*Bert creator Warren Davis, as well as Mark Cerny, Phil Spencer, and Reggie Fils-Aime of PlayStation, Xbox and Nintendo among many others.

Releasing July 15 as a digital download, *Video Games: The Movie* is targeting an international audience.

The documentary arrives two years after *Indie Games: The Movie*, another grassroots project chronicling a selection of engaging personalities behind part of the video game industry.

The scene has become increasingly ripe for Hollywood references, too, with *Wreck-It Ralph* featuring a worn-out arcade game character, and upcoming comedy *Pixels* based on gaming tropes. **AFP**

New York

Björk to be the subject of MoMA retrospective in spring of 2015

Björk will be getting her own multimedia retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art in New York next year.

The museum will draw on sound, film, visuals, in-

struments, costumes and performance to chronicle the Icelandic singer's 20-plus years as an imaginative and colourful solo artist.

A Wednesday news release says the exhibit will include Björk's collaborations with video directors, photographers and fashion designers.

It will also include a narrative that is both

biographical and fictitious written by the singer and Icelandic writer Sjon Sigurdsson, and a newly commissioned music and film experience.

The Björk retrospective is being organized by Klaus Biesenbach, MoMA's chief curator at large.

It is scheduled to run March 7 to June 7 in 2015.

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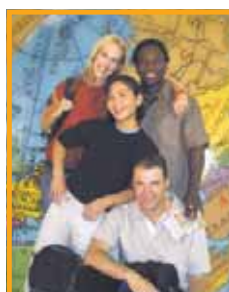
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Melanie Griffith

Griffith proves a little cover up goes a long way in helping hide her past

If her arm is any indication, Melanie Griffith was apparently serious when she filed for divorce from husband Antonio Banderas after 17 years of marriage.

Griffith has a tattoo of a heart with the name "Antonio" in the middle just

below her shoulder, but when the actress showed up at the Taormina Film Festival in Italy she applied heavy make-up to cover up the name, according to Getty Images. The heart surrounding the name was still visible, though, but with a big hole in it.

Mel Gibson giving a cold shoulder to eastern European women

Mel Gibson's bitter legal battle with ex Oksana Grigorieva has apparently soured him on Russian and Ukrainian women in general.

"He doesn't communicate with Ukrainian or Russian girls anymore. If Mel knows you're from there, he kind of just turns around and leaves," actress Natalie Burn, who plays Gibson's wife in *Expendables 3*, says, according to *Star* magazine. And that became a problem, because Burn herself was born in the Ukraine. "The producer was very nice, and he advised me not to tell him,"



Mel Gibson

she says, explaining that when Gibson asked if she was Brazilian she replied with, "Yeah, that works."

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Metro World News

Lena Headey is a monster. I don't mean that her *Game of Thrones* character, Cersei Lannister, is a monster, though that's true. I mean that she herself is a stone cold sociopath. She's toying with GOT fans and she doesn't even feel bad about it.

Headey appeared on Jimmy Kimmel Live wearing a shirt that says "I'm not sorry," surrounded by a heart. It's a clear reference to her Instagram head games, and she should be sorry, because she's driving people to madness.

Her Instagram has been alarming GOT fans' delicate spoiler radar for some time now. Three months ago she posted a picture of herself fooling around with her costar Pedro Pascal, who played Oberyn Martell — specifically, a picture in which she's got her thumbs over his eye sockets. Of course, as we've since learned, Oberyn got his head crushed by the Mountain, which makes Headey's skull-mauling photo a spoiler.

Two months ago, Headey posted another seemingly spoilerific photo: A bunch of rocks arranged into the shape of a heart, captioned "my stone heart." Fans of the books know that a character named Lady Stoneheart



makes an important appearance, and they assumed that Headey had once more spoiled one of this season's major plot twists. However, the finale has come and gone, and there's no sign of Lady Stoneheart.

In other words, she's messing with us. And now she's taunting us about it. I think Lena's been a Lannister for too long.



Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Source claims Bieber rolled 'burrito-sized joints' in his van in 2012

Apparently Justin Bieber's hard-partying ways that have been getting him into trouble lately aren't a new development, at least not according to photos provided by a fan to Radar Online of Bieber and company turning his van into a weed- and beer-fuelled mobile party on a September 2012 trip to Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, Calif.

"They hot-boxed and drank Heinekens from the

fridge Justin keeps in the van," the anonymous source says. "There was no bong or anything, just Justin rolling his own burrito-sized joints. I mean, f—ing huge." Among the revellers was Bieber's then-girlfriend, Selena Gomez. "Everyone smoked, including Selena," the source says. "We smoked at least six joints and were high as a kite by the time we rolled into Knott's."

Katy and Rob sitting in a tree, K.I.S.S.I.N.G

Robert Pattinson and Katy Perry were reportedly "all over each other" after the L.A. premiere of his new film, *The Rover*, according to *Us Weekly*.

"When Rob saw Katy's eyes lit up. She looked gorgeous in a lace sequin black mini-dress, and they hugged and kissed," a source says. "At least 10 hotties were hovering around Rob, but his focus was on Katy. He kept kissing her the entire night. When Katy got up from a sofa that was in front of a fireplace, Robert walked over to her. They kissed and hugged again. They were clearly trying to



Katy Perry

stay under the radar, but they couldn't help showing their feelings."

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The nice guy with neckties

Ralph Lauren. As the designer is honoured by the Smithsonian for his work, he reflects on his journey to the top

He's a designer who has gone from selling ties from a drawer at the Empire State Building in 1967 to running a corporation with 25,000 employees.

Ralph Lauren was honoured Tuesday by the Smithsonian Institution for his career and to mark the 200th anniversary of the original flag that inspired the writing of the U.S. national anthem.

Lauren was awarded the James Smithson Bicentennial Medal "for his embodiment of the American experience" and for "supporting artistry, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship for more than five decades."

Lauren sat down with media to discuss his five decades in fashion.

What drew you into the world of fashion originally?

Luck. No, you know I never went to fashion school. I somehow was a young guy, grew up in the Bronx and ... I don't know how I can put it together, whether it's movies or it's being in a world where you can read books and go to movies and dream.

Also being the youngest child in the family and getting all hand-me-downs and sort of saying, 'Wait a minute, I want my own clothes.'

So when your parents are not able to afford the kind of clothes (I wanted) as a kid growing up, I had to work myself and earn my way and buy my own things. I just



Ralph Lauren celebrated five decades of fashion on Tuesday with a celebration by the Smithsonian. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

wanted to look like one of the guys and have the girls look at me.

What does this award from the Smithsonian mean to you?

It's probably the greatest honour one could have. The honour is mine to give to them because I'm part of this country.

What do you consider your career highlights?

I started with neckties, which are a very small thing and people aren't even wearing them today. Neckties helped start my career. When a man wore a tie, it had to make a statement.

I think every time I created a new brand, from men's to women's to children to home, they were interesting elements.

My clothes are not about fashion. They're about living.

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"I started with neckties, which are a very small thing and people aren't even wearing them today. Neckties helped start my career."

Ralph Lauren

They're about how you live and how you want to live. And they're not about in-and-out fashion that's trendy or the hot news of the day. I think most people want stability. They want to feel that if they go out and buy something, they want good quality, good value for their money. They don't want to spend it frivolously and find that it's out of style.

How do you define your philosophy of fashion?

I can say that I'm about style, not fashion. I'm about timeless style, about quality, and that doesn't mean it has to be

boring.

That means it's something that continues on because I don't throw out my clothes. The suit that I'm wearing is an old suit. I didn't just make this suit. I like the familiarity in a way because it's mine ... People say, 'I've worn your clothes for years and my child loves your clothes, my little girl loves your clothes.' I've been very connected to the people out there that buy my things and who appreciate it.

And sometimes they stop and say it, so that's very nice.

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"These vegetarian barley burgers are simple and easy to make. Serve in buns and top with salsa or wasabi stirred into mayonnaise, as well as lettuce, sliced tomatoes, and onions.

"You can also add a slice of cheese while browning the second side."

1. In a medium saucepan over high heat, combine barley and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cover pan; simmer for 45 to 50 minutes or until barley is tender. If necessary, drain any excess water. Spread in a shallow dish to cool.

2. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat half of the oil. Add onion, garlic, and carrot; stir and cook for 3 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add mushrooms and cook until any liquid evaporates. Add parsley, lemon rind, salt, and pepper. Combine mixture with barley. Stir in 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the bread crumbs. Place in a food processor and process



This recipe serves six. THE ALBERTA BARLEY COMMISSION (GOBARLEY.COM)

Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 ml) pearl barley
- 3 cups (750 ml) water
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) canola oil, divided

- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1 small carrot, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 lb (250 g) mushrooms,

- chopped
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped parsley
- 1 tsp (5 ml) grated lemon rind
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt

- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) pepper
- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh bread crumbs, divided

until mixture holds together but you can still see some of the barley.

3. On a plastic-wrap-lined tray or baking sheet, spoon mixture into 6 portions; shape into patties and coat with remaining bread crumbs.

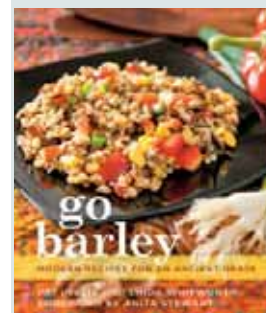
4. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the remaining oil and cook burgers

5 minutes per side or until browned and crisp. Alternatively, heat the barbecue to medium-high and generously spray the grill with oil. Barbecue for 5 minutes per side.

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1. In medium bowl, make the Greek salad mixture by combining tomato, cucumber, onion, olive oil, vinegar, oregano and garlic. Season with salt and pepper, and

gently stir.

2. Place one toasted pita in a pan or dish in which it snugly fits. Do the same with a second pita in another pan or dish. Spread half the puréed olives over each pita. Do the same with cheese, followed by the Greek salad mixture. Cover each with toasted pita.

3. Place a clean heavy object (such as a saucepan with a

heavy object in it) on top of each pita sandwich and let rest for 15 minutes.

4. Remove sandwiches and cut in half. Serve with a green salad.

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This recipe serves four. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 2 medium tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1/2 English cucumber, diced
- 1/2 small red onion, diced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried oregano
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 4 Greek pitas, toasted (7-inch/18-cm)
- 200 g (7 oz) Saputo Mozzarella-sima cheese, grated
- 1 cup (250 ml) black Kalamata olives, pitted and puréed
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Side dish. Roasted Potatoes with Bourbon-Peanut BBQ Sauce

1. Heat the oven to 450 F. Line rimmed baking sheet with foil; coat with cooking spray.

2. In blender, combine dates, garlic, rosemary, whisky, salt, pepper, vinegar and melted butter. Puree until smooth.

Ingredients

- Potatoes**
- 1/2 cup chopped dates
 - 2 cloves garlic
 - 1 tbsp minced fresh rosemary
 - 1/4 cup Scotch whisky (a particularly peaty variety is good)
 - 1/2 tsp each salt and black pepper
 - 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
 - 2 tbsp melted butter
 - 2 lbs small potatoes, quartered
 - 2 tbsp chopped fresh mint
 - 3 scallions, thinly sliced
 - 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
- Sauce**
- 2 cups bourbon
 - 3 tbsp tomato paste
 - 1/3 cup natural peanut butter
 - 2 tbsp soy sauce
 - 2 tsp each honey and hot sauce
 - 1 teaspoon each ground cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, smoked paprika
 - 1/2 tsp each ground dry ginger and mustard powder



This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3. In bowl, combine sauce and potatoes and mix until coated. Spread onto prepared baking sheet. Bake until browned and tender, 35 minutes. Transfer to serving dish. Sprinkle with the mint, scallions, and cheese.

Bourbon-Peanut BBQ Sauce

1. In saucepan over medium-high, whisk bourbon and tomato paste. Bring to boil and cook until reduced by half and thickened, 8 minutes. Whisk in the peanut butter, soy sauce, honey, hot sauce, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, ginger and mustard powder. Return to a simmer and cook another 5 minutes. If a thinner sauce is desired, whisk in 1/3 cup water. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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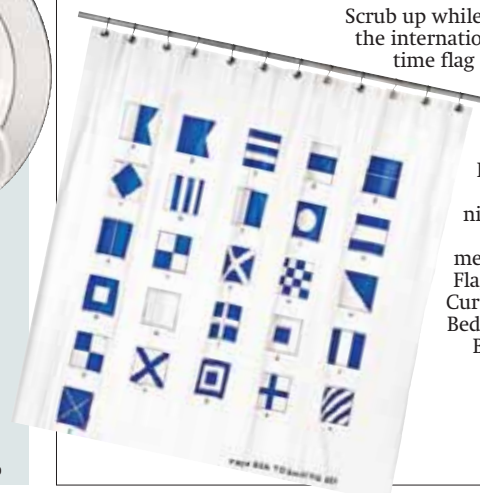
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Studio space. Responsive furniture for micro living



Connected home devices are still at an immature stage, according to a recent report. LOLOSTOCK/SHUTTERSTOCK.COM

Studio living is becoming increasingly common in urban areas, but how do you make 200 feet feel three times the size?

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on either side of it.

Led by the Changing Places Research Group, the team has also integrated lighting systems controlled by apps into the piece, with customizable colour themes. Voice-recognition control technology has also been incorporated into the lighting design.

Although it remains primarily a research project for the moment, rumour has it that designer Kent Larson is looking into making it a viable commercial product, so watch this (deceptively adaptable) space. **AFP**

Home accessories

Could this be the robotic furniture of the future?

Modular furniture made with robotic components that can reshape itself according to users' desires could be a major home accessory of the future. Scientists at Switzerland's Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) have come up with Roombots, an adaptive mechanical furniture concept.

The pieces can move and change functionality

endlessly. For example, stools that move around could meet other stools and form a bench, which could then become a table.

The modules change shape and move by rotating against one another, and gripping together or to flat surfaces via connectors.

"We hope that the Roombots module will be used for many applications, but one of the main ones we have in mind is assistive technology," says Auke Ljsspeert of the school's Biorobotics Laboratory. **AFP**

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Turn no man's land of a 'hellstrip' into a curbside Garden of Eden

On the boulevard.
Awkward parcels of land lining the street benefit from makeover

Making a yard and a community more beautiful begins at the curb. But that narrow space between sidewalk and street — sometimes called a boulevard, median, hellstrip, parkway, verge or tree belt — is a gardening challenge.

For starters, it's probably owned by the municipality but falls to the homeowner to maintain. So the first step in caring for it is to sort out what

local rules allow.

"You need to go to the city's website if there are any questions about who owns what," said Evelyn Hadden, author of the new book *Hellstrip Gardening* (Timber Press). "The zoning laws should be posted online."

"Some cities have regulations where there can only be lawns there. Some say there can't be vegetables, but allow some kind of lawn alternative," she said. "Some communities change their rules when people start growing gardens and the community gets behind them."

Curb appeal can increase property values for the whole

neighbourhood, Hadden said. "Curbside gardeners are pretty generous that way. They're working for the benefit of everybody."

Even seedy-looking parcels can become natural welcome mats when integrated with front yards. Curbside spaces are often heavily trafficked, however, making them tough to cultivate. The ground is hard-packed, and plants can be crushed. Rocks might add character to the landscape but will dent car doors if placed too near the curb. Tall, dense foliage can be a traffic hazard, preventing passing motorists from seeing pets and children.

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You can sometimes fight city hall when it comes to municipal 'lawn only' regulations

"Some communities change their rules when people start growing gardens and the community gets behind them."

Evelyn Hadden, author of the new book *Hellstrip Gardening*



A pedestrian-friendly street makeover in Langley, Wash., includes a number of hellstrip gardens: flowers, trees and shrubs planted between sidewalk and street. Frequent watering is often difficult at these curbside plots. Langley gardeners are using slow-release water bags at the base of the newly planted trees until their roots can become established. The bags only need to be refilled once or twice a week. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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How to create a roadside attraction

Here are some tips for creating a well-tended "hellstrip:"

- **Talk with neighbours before getting started.** "The tension will come when somebody complains," Hadden said.
- **Be aware of sight lines, especially at intersections.** Drivers may have trouble turning safely if something tall is in the way.
- **Go with perennials rather than annuals,** said Fred Rozumalski, a landscape architect with Barr Engineering Co. in Minneapolis, Minn. "Then the soil is only worked once and it's more secure," he said. "Dirt won't run into the street, clogging gutters and storm sewers."
- **Avoid growing vegetables at roadside sites** because of pollution, Rozumalski said. "They collect elevated levels of road salt,

lead from gasoline and copper from brake linings. I certainly wouldn't want to eat any food that came off a boulevard."

- **Tree planting is the city's job,** he said. "I've seen people make bad choices, planting trees like sugar maples that are difficult to maintain and push up sidewalks. Shrubs should be kept low, no more than 18 inches in height."
- **Be cautious about displaying yard art,** Rozumalski said. "You don't want to distract drivers. It's probably better if you put those kinds of things deeper into the yard."
- **Boulevards typically are too narrow to be turned into full-blown rain gardens,** but they'll be more environmentally friendly if the soil level is kept at least two inches below the curb, he said. "Then the water will collect instead of running off."

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Flames prospect

Jury finds Ferland acted in self-defence in bar fight

A prospect for the Calgary Flames has been acquitted of aggravated assault charges in a fight northwest of Calgary in 2012.

A jury found Michael Ferland acted in self-defence

when he threw a punch, knocking out another patron, outside Stageline Saloon in Cochrane.

Both the 22-year old left-winger and his girlfriend testified at his trial in Calgary.

Court heard Ferland was ambushed as he was leaving the bar.

Ferland's lawyer says his client is "relieved" to be free of the charges.

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Behind their bench

Kings keep Sutter's staff intact

The Los Angeles Kings have promoted John Stevens to associate head coach and re-signed assistant coach Davis Payne and goalie coach Bill Ranford. The moves to keep Darryl Sutter's staff intact were announced Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andrew Ference

Oilers captain given King Clancy

The Oilers' Andrew Ference has won the King Clancy Memorial Trophy for leadership and humanitarian contributions. Ference works with the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation and other charities.

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From Wings to waivers

Source: Tootoo done in Motor City

A person familiar with the move has confirmed to The Associated Press that the Detroit Red Wings have placed forward Jordin Tootoo on waivers with the intention to buy out the final year of his contract. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays blow it in the Bronx

MLB. With chance to help build AL East lead at Yankee Stadium, Buehrle comes up short for Toronto

On Wednesday

7

Yankees

3

Blue Jays

Brian McCann hit a go-ahead two-run homer and later added a bases-loaded triple to help the New York Yankees to a 7-3 win over the first-place Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday night.

The Yankees beat Mark Buehrle for the ninth straight time and handed the Jays their 15th loss in a row in the Bronx.

Rookie Chase Whitley (3-0) remained unbeaten in seven starts since making his big league debut this season.

Buehrle (10-4) was trying to tie Yankees ace Masahiro Tanaka for the most wins in the majors. He gave up three runs and six hits in six innings and lost his third straight start.

Buehrle is 1-11 lifetime against the Yankees, with his lone win coming in 2004 while with the Chicago White Sox.

McCann tied his career high with five RBIs. Toronto's Jose Bautista had an RBI double in

the eighth for his 1,000th career hit.

The Yankees have taken the first two in a three-game series against Toronto.

McCann's third big league triple, and first since 2009 with Atlanta, came off left-hander Brett Cecil, who had been brought in to face pinch-hitter Ichiro Suzuki with the Blue Jays down 3-2 in the seventh.

Cecil walked Suzuki with the bases loaded to force in a run before McCann put the game safely out of reach.

McCann was hitting .174 for June before his homer in the fourth, which was measured at 348 feet — not far enough to clear most fences in the majors. He helped New York respond after the Jays took a 2-1 lead on two-out RBI singles by Colby Rasmus and Dioner Navarro in the top half. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Blue Jays starter Mark Buehrle looks into the outfield after surrendering a two-run home run in the fourth inning against the Yankees' Brian McCann on Wednesday night in New York. JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

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Spain's reign atop soccer world over

Defending champions eliminated from contention. Loss to Chile ensures no return trip to knockout stage

Defending champion Spain, the dominant global football power for the past six years, was eliminated from World Cup contention Wednesday with a 2-0 loss to Chile.

Spain's famed passing game failed against a high-tempo, tenacious Chile team, its era ending in the storied Maracana Stadium filled mostly with noisy Chilean supporters.

Eduardo Vargas tricked goalkeeper Iker Casillas into diving the wrong way, then shot into an unguarded goal in the 20th minute. Charles Aranguiz scored in the 43rd when the ball landed at his feet after Casillas punched out a free kick.

"I only ask fans for forgiveness, we did everything we could," said Casillas, who lifted the World Cup trophy four years ago.

Spain's second loss, after a 5-1 rout by the Netherlands, ended any hope of advancing. Chile and the Netherlands will both make it to the knockout stage out of Group B, regardless of who wins the game between them.

Spain won the European Championship in 2008 and 2012, in addition to the 2010



Sergio Busquets of Spain reacts after a missed scoring chance against Chile on Wednesday in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Group B

2

Chile

0

Spain

A 4-0 dismantling of Italy on a similarly balmy evening in Kyiv, Ukraine

Spain came to Brazil with a very similar — but older — team to the one that won those titles. They added Brazilian-born striker Diego Costa, but he failed to score a goal and was substituted in both matches.

"We have no excuses," said Spain coach Vicente del Bosque. "We were too slow,

timid from the start today. It's a sad day for all of the players. Time to think about the future."

Spain became the third straight European defending World Cup champion to flop in the group stage. France in 2002 and Italy four years ago also failed to advance, or even win a match.

Spain will finish the tournament by playing Australia on Monday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Dutch edge Socceroos in frantic match



Memphis Depay of the Netherlands celebrates his team's victory over Australia on Wednesday, in Porto Alegre, Brazil. VINICIUS COSTA/GETTY IMAGES

Louis van Gaal can pinpoint the moment he knew his Netherlands team would be able to hold off Australia and secure the win that ultimately put them through to the knockout rounds of the World Cup.

With just over 20 minutes to go in a frantic, seesawing match, Australia missed a golden chance to take a 3-2 lead.

Van Gaal saw that as the sign and turned to his assistant coaches to tell them.

"I said to Patrick Kluivert and Danny Blind, 'We're going to win this match because if they miss that kind of chance, we will score the goal.'"

Seconds later, he was proved right. From the very next attack, substitute Memphis De-

pay drove a swerving, speculative shot toward the goal from 25 yards. Australian goalkeeper Maty Ryan didn't spot it early enough and the ball shot past his outstretched right hand.

It capped a game that intensified suddenly when a 20th-minute solo run and strike by Arjen Robben was cancelled out seconds later by a stunning volley from Australia's Tim Cahill. Australia then went ahead with a second-half penalty, only for Robin Van Persie to equalize four minutes later.

The result left the Netherlands on the verge of advancing from Group B. That was confirmed a few hours later when Chile beat Spain.

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Nigeria. Bomb blast kills at least 14 people watching match on TV

Survivors of a bomb blast at an illegal World Cup viewing site in northeast Nigeria that killed at least 14 people said Wednesday the force of the explosion blew off limbs and knocked people senseless.

Unrelated to the attack, police said security forces arrested nearly 500 people, including a "terror kingpin" in the south-east of the country.

At least 26 people were wounded in Tuesday night's blast as soccer fans were viewing the Brazil-Mexico match in Damaturu, the capital of Yobe state, police said.

"The bomb just threw me and I didn't even know where I was," Babagana Mohammed said. He recovered consciousness in the hospital.

FIFA offered "sincerest condolences to the victims' fam-

Quoted

"It was just like a flash of light and many people were killed."

Musa Mohammed, a wounded victim

ilies and friends."

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic incident in Nigeria. FIFA condemns any form of violence," the international soccer governing body said in a statement.

Witnesses said a suicide bomber drove a tricycle taxi packed with explosives into the area. But Police Assistant Supt. Nathan Cheghan said the explosion came from a car parked and abandoned on the road in front.

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Too much to bare. Croatia brushes off nude photo scandal to rout Cameroon

Critical third match

Croatia holds its future in its own hands. If the 1998 World Cup semifinalists beat Mexico on Monday, they will guarantee themselves a spot in the second round. The Mexicans will advance with a win or a draw.

Mario Mandzukic scored two goals Wednesday to keep Croatia in the mix at the World Cup with a 4-0 win over 10-man Cameroon, which will be going home after the group stage.

Mandzukic, who returned to the team after sitting out the opening loss to Brazil because of a suspension, headed in a corner from Danijel Pranjinic in the 61st minute and then knocked in a rebound in the 73rd of the Group A game.

Ivan Perisic also scored a goal and created another for Ivica Olic.

Cameroon was reduced to 10 men after midfielder Alex Song was given a red card for elbowing Mandzukic in the back in the 40th minute.

Croatia stayed focused after paparazzi photos showing

some players bathing naked were published by Croatian media over the weekend.

Cameroon can only play spoiler in its final match against Brazil Monday. If the 1990 World Cup quarter-finalists beat Brazil, the host country could still advance or be forced out of the tournament on goal difference. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Cameroon's Nicolas N'Koulou, left, challenges Croatia's Mario Mandzukic for the ball on Wednesday in Manaus, Brazil. FERNANDO LLANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jordan Bachynski in Arizona State Sun Devils gear is introduced for the quarter-final game of the Pac-12 Basketball Tournament against the Stanford Cardinals on March 13 in Las Vegas. ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

As NBA draft nears, a Calgarian dad dreams

Jordan Bachynski.

Now a father, the NCAA's leader in shot-blocking plows through the workouts circuit

Jordan Bachynski has only a handful of NBA cities left to visit ahead of next week's draft in what's been a grueling few weeks of workouts.

But the seven-foot-two centre from Calgary is more focused than ever — because between Miami and Detroit, Bachynski became a dad.

Bachynski's wife Malia gave birth to their son Kawika — pronounced Kavee-ka — last Friday. The baby thankfully arrived on a day Bachynski happened to be home on a brief break.

"It really does put things in perspective and it helps

Keeping quiet

"I've been an underdog my whole career, a little-known guy out of Calgary, Alberta. I love being under the radar, it's a good place to be."

NBA hopeful Jordan Bachynski

me stay focused on the things that are most important and cut out all the things that aren't going to help me get to my goal," Bachynski said.

The 24-year-old Arizona State grad, who led the NCAA in shot blocking this past season, is among a bumper crop of Canadians hoping to hear their name called at the June 26 NBA draft in Brooklyn, N.Y. The players have all spent the past couple of weeks crisscrossing the continent in the grueling process of pre-draft workouts and interviews.

Bachynski's wife had instructed him not to miss a workout to rush home for

the birth. But as luck would have it, baby Bachynski arrived during a previously scheduled break. He flew home to Phoenix on Thursday, and his son was born the next morning.

"I was really worried about (missing it) but thankfully he waited until I had a couple of days off," Bachynski said. "He came on Friday the 13th, which for my family has been not an unlucky day, but a great day. I also got married on a Friday the 13th."

Bachynski met his wife — a former Sun Devils volleyball player — on his first day on campus of his fresh-

man year.

"We have been together ever since," he said. "She comes from an athletic family, all four of her brothers played college football, so she totally gets it, she's a huge supporter of it."

"She was with me through ups and downs, and this (playing in the NBA) has become her dream as much as it is mine. So it's amazing to have that kind of support."

There could be as many as eight Canadians selected in next week's draft, led by Andrew Wiggins, a projected top-three pick. Nik Stauskas and Tyler Ennis are also expected to go in the first round.

Bachynski is a projected second-round pick.

Bachynski will watch the draft from his Phoenix home with his wife and son and his parents.

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Drug-related charges

Colts owner dodges court appearance

Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay won't have to appear in court Thursday for an initial hearing on drug-related charges he faces.

Irsay's attorneys filed a motion Wednesday waiving his appearance on misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated and driving with a Schedule I or II controlled substance in his body. Myra Borshoff Cook, a spokeswoman for Irsay, had no immediate comment.

The charges against Irsay carry maximum penalties of 60 days in jail and \$500 fines for each count. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Colts owner Jim Irsay
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Two-time MVP. Ahead of his 15th season, Brady looks into his rookie days

Tom Brady was a solid student as a rookie learning the New England Patriots playbook.

The physical part of playing quarterback was tougher.

"The reason I was a sixth-round pick was I didn't have much ability," the two-time NFL MVP said Wednesday. "So you've got to try to work hard to improve those things over the years while still keeping my mental game sharp."

Heading into his 15th season, Brady wants to do that as long as possible no matter what critics say. A recent Pro Football Focus story said he wasn't one of the league's top five quarterbacks.

Do such opinions fire him up?

He laughed, then said, "I'm always pretty fired up so I think there's people that always have opinions about us as athletes and you just try to go out there and do your best."

Then Brady wondered where those comments originated.

"Were they Jet fans or Dolphin fans or Bills fans? Patriots fans?" he said with a grin. "Everyone's a little biased. My wife thinks I play pretty good."



New England Patriots' Tom Brady
GETTY IMAGES

My mom thinks I play pretty good."

In 2000, though, he was just one of four Patriots quarterbacks. Drew Bledsoe was the starter, John Friesz threw 21 passes, Michael Bishop threw nine and Brady only three.

"We had a lot more time than the kids have now," Brady said. "We had a quarterback (camp) where we met five days a week for like nine hours, all on going through the playbook. And that was really helpful for me."

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Ontario's David Hearn ready for elusive PGA victory

Three top-10 results.

Canuck feels he can 'put it all together' this season

Canada's David Hearn came achingly close to his first PGA Tour victory last season.

He's had three top-10 results this season and feels ready to put it all together and finally hoist a trophy at the top level.

"I feel really close," Hearn said Wednesday. "I got really close last year at the John Deere (Classic) just before the Canadian Open. I'm a little bit surprised it's taken me quite as long to get back into contention."

"But I feel like everything is right where it needs to be



to have a week where I know I could put it all together. I've improved a lot of little areas of my game and I feel like my

game is consistently better."

Hearn's best career finish came at the 2013 John Deere Classic. He was tied with Jordan Spieth and Zach Johnson after regulation but Spieth took the title by hitting a par putt on the fifth playoff hole.

The 35-year-old from Brantford, Ont., is enjoying a short break before ramping things up in July. He plans to play at The Greenbrier Classic early next month before returning to the John Deere Classic.

Entry in the British Open remains a question mark for now but Hearn is locked in for the July 24-27 RBC Canadian Open at the Royal Montreal Golf Club. He has yet to play the Île-Bizard, Que., course but feels his game should be a good fit for the old-style, tree-lined layout. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Spurs floating on Cloud 9

Tim Duncan and his daughter Sidney ride on a float during the San Antonio Spurs' parade as part of the celebration of their fifth NBA championship on Wednesday in San Antonio. The Spurs defeated the Miami Heat in Game 5 on Sunday. **MICHAEL THOMAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Los Angeles Clippers

Source: Shelly Sterling seeks protections for witnesses

Shelly Sterling's attorneys will ask a judge to order Donald Sterling and his attorneys to not threaten, harass or intimidate his wife's legal team and doctors who determined the Los Angeles Clippers' co-owner was mentally incapacitated.

A person with knowledge of the legal proceedings says the urgent request will be made Thursday. The individual wasn't authorized to comment and spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday night on condition of anonymity.

Donald Sterling's attorney, Maxwell Blecher, says a representative will be in court but wouldn't comment further.

The request seeks protections for witnesses in next month's trial to determine if Shelly Sterling can sell the Clippers to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for \$2 billion.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Everyone thinks you're a star so why are you being so negative about your prospects? Step outside yourself today and see how you look through other people's eyes.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

There is no point cursing fate if what happens today is not to your liking. In the long-term everything will come good, so never doubt that no matter what happens, you will be stronger for it.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You pride yourself on being rational but with Mercury, your ruler, moving retrograde not every thought you have will be based on reason. Don't be too stubborn. There are times when it's OK to change your mind.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

An offer will tempt you but can you be sure it is genuine? According to the planets you have reason to be suspicious, so take care when dealing with people who promise you the world for a small investment.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

People will be moody today, which in turn will annoy you. Before the situation spirals out of control remind yourself that in the greater scheme of things it's of little importance.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

A relationship will come under pressure today and if you say the wrong thing it may even end. Tomorrow you will regret having been so outspoken but it needed to happen.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You are at a crossroads as far as a creative project is concerned. Do you carry on with it or do give up and focus your energy in a new direction? Give it some serious thought.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Make sure you get your chores out of the way as quickly as possible over the next 24 hours. If you let what should have been done today wait until tomorrow you will fall behind and may never catch up.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It is vital that you deal with an outstanding feud immediately because if you allow it to linger it will hold you back and that could be disastrous.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you aren't in the mood to work today, don't push yourself. Even if you force yourself to do what is expected of you it's unlikely you'll do a good job of it, so wait until you are in a more positive frame of mind.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

What are you waiting for? Something is holding you back from taking risks and that's a shame because the planets suggest that if you take a chance today it could pay off in a big way. Do you dare?

Pisces

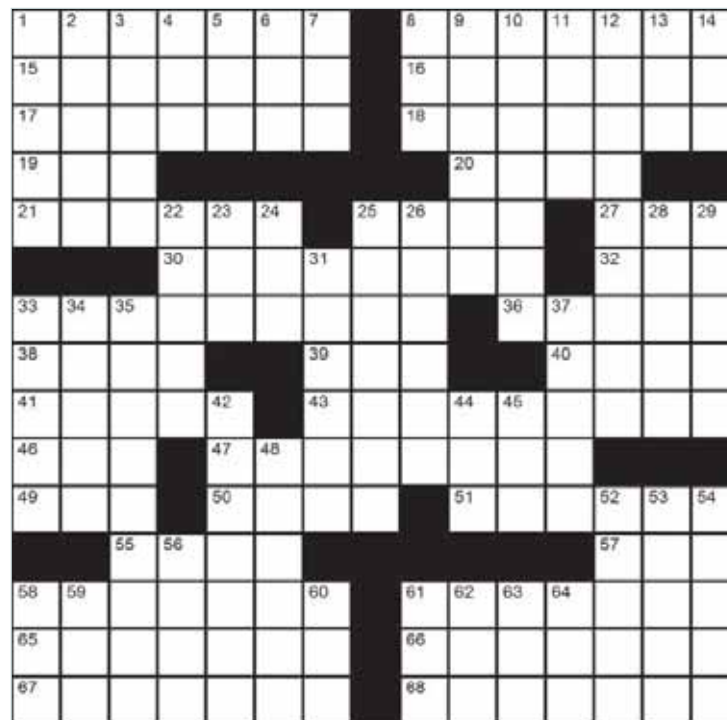
Feb. 20 - March 20

You are worrying about things you have no way of changing. According to the planets what you fear the most is the one thing that is least likely to happen, so be brave and go on the attack. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Halifax pita specialties
8. Oscar Peterson tune about a Mont-real locale: "Place ___"
15. Seasoning sort
16. Sunglasses and spectacles
17. Lake Ontario archipelago-by-the-city, Toronto ___
18. Stretches out
19. First word in *Inferno* by Dante
20. Long times
21. John Travolta movie
25. Prefix to 'dextrous'
27. Got the parcel, briefly
30. "Elvira: ___ of the Dark" (1988)
32. Have a bug
33. Ron Sexsmith song about his St. Catharines, ON hometown: "___ Street"; or, Pen name J.K. Rowling uses for her new crime novel *The Silkworm*, Robert ___
36. Nero's 1406
38. Actor Mr. Jannings
39. Hr. part
40. Geese: French
41. Juliet's beloved
43. "Chopped Canada" host Dean
46. Regret
47. Roof window
49. 12 mo. periods



50. Foundation
51. Sisters: French
55. Norse thunder god
57. Egg mass
58. Taken aback
61. Kirkland Lake, ON: ___ & South Mine Complex
65. Ms. Judd
66. Strange

67. Most profound
68. Claude ___ (French composer, b.1862 - d.1918)

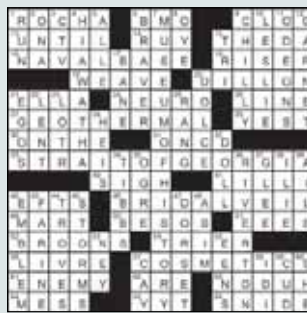
Down

1. Faring
2. Canadian figure skating great Brian
3. Portia's "Ally McBeal" character
4. Turkish title [var. sp.]
5. Sir McKellen
6. Boxing bout div.
7. Rihanna's "___ (Rescue Me)"
8. Ms. Hinton's
9. Easygoing people, e.g.: 2 wds.
10. Valour
11. Mr. McGregor

12. '90s broadcasting-themed sitcom starring Canadian comedians Dave Foley and Phil Hartman
13. Early-'60s singer Mr. Donner
14. American tax org.
22. Mosey along
23. Knight's title
24. Conductor,

- ___ Pekka Salonen
25. The = Definite ___
26. Henna-on-hands artwork
28. Spotted cat-like mammal
29. "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the ___"
31. Mr. Horton's donut chain, endearingly
33. Canadian comedian Mr. Dee
34. Love: French
35. Sedimentary rock kind
37. Le ___ de Monte-Cristo
42. Bob Einstein's alter ego, Super Dave
44. For instances, for short
45. Greek alphabet's 17th letter
48. Actress Ms. Allen's
52. Bear, fancy-style
53. Civil Rights activist Ms. Parks, and namesakes
54. Mattress manufacturer
56. Basketball net
58. E-Mail subj. line directive
59. Caustic
60. Info, briefly
61. Spa mask ingredient
62. 'Meth' suffix
63. Lion's offspring
64. Pac-12 sch.

Yesterday's Crossword

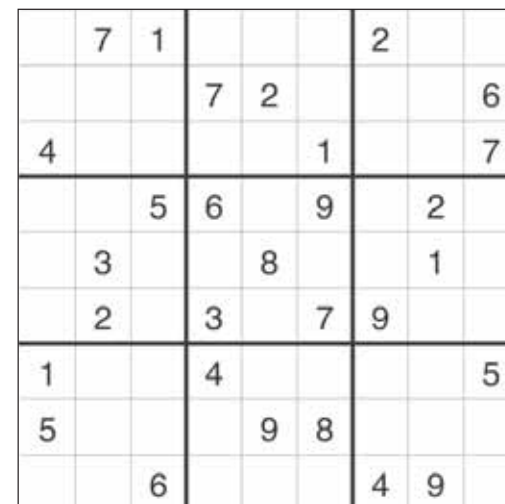


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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MAX: 21°
MIN: 10°



MAX: 21°
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